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LOK SABHA

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UNAUTHORISED CONSTRUCTIONS IN THE AIRPORT AREAS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed the State Governments to demolish unauthorised constructions including Jhuggi clusters around all the major airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to rehabilitate the people living in these unauthorised constructions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 302 for 6th December, 2007 regarding Unauthorised Constructions in the Airport Areas.

(a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) regularly approaches State Governments for removal of encroachments from the areas which are required for development / expansion of airport, operational requirement or areas causing security threat to normal airport operations.

(b) Details of encroachments in respect of Airports Authority of India (AAI) airports and restructured airports are as under: Land encroached (in acres) Mumbai -276, Juhu -29 and Nagpur -13 in Maharashtra; Satna -150 and Bhopal -30 in Madhya Pradesh; Hyderabad -97, Rajamundhary -8, Tirupati -0.3 and Visakhapatnam -0.2 in Andhra Pradesh; Amritsar -83 in Punjab; Kolkata -75.7 in West Bengal; Ahmedabad -20 and Rajkot - 1 in Gujarat; Kota - 35.32 in Rajasthan; Ranchi -9 in Jharkhand; Gaya -5 in Bihar; Safdarjung -1.5 in Delhi; Lucknow -1.7 in Uttar Pradesh; Port Blair -1.5 in Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Union Territory) and Belgaum - 1 in Karnataka.

(c) State Governments are responsive to AAI request especially those which are a cause of concern from aircraft safety operations. However, due to local resistance and court cases etc, progress in removal of encroachments is slow.

(d) The State laws relating to land and policies concerning removal of encroachments differ from State to State. Keeping in view State Governments policies for removal and / or rehabilitation of encroachments, AAI takes up with concerned State Government for removal / rehabilitation of encroachment from AAI land.